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LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF PULSES AND VEGETABLE OILS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the union Government has taken any step to prepare a time bound programme to increase the production of pulses and vegetable oils in the country in view of their increasing imports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize` (ISOPOM) in 14 major pulses and oilseeds growing states with a view to increase the production and productivity of pulses and oilseeds and to make the country self-sufficient in Pulses and Vegetable oils. Under the scheme, assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seed, production and distribution of certified seed, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of plant protection chemicals, plant protection equipments, weedicides, rhizobium culture/phosphate solubilising bacteria, distribution of gypsum/pyrite/ liming/ dolomite, distribution of sprinkler sets and water carrying pipes, publicity, etc. to encourage farmers to grow pulses and oilseeds. In order to disseminate information on improved production technologies amongst the farmers, block demonstrations and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) demonstrations are organized through State Department of Agriculture and Frontline Demonstrations through ICAR.